

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 851

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amanda Williams, 2008
Valedictorian of Pigeon Forge High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Williams is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School (PFHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Amanda Williams has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Williams has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Honor Society, the Art Club, the Interact Club, the Beta Club, Student Government, and varsity basketball; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting great leadership acumen, Amanda has served as a member of the Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership and Rotary Youth Leadership, as well as varsity basketball manager, president of the Interact Club, and attendant of the Rural High School Medical Camp at East Tennessee State University and Quillen College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and devout member Our Savior Lutheran Church, where she has served as an Acolyte and nursery attendant; and

WHEREAS, Amanda also contributes her time and talents to her community as an ETCH Oncology Patient Camp Counselor, member of the Trula Lawson Early Childhood Education Center, and participant in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk; she has also assisted the

Remote Area Medical Clinic, Special Education Summer School at PFMS, Mountain Hope Good Shepard Clinic, Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Clinic, and March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Williams is the recipient of many awards honoring her commitment to academics and her community, including the Pride of Pigeon Forge Award, the Honors Biology II Award, the Latin II Award, the Trigonometry Award, the Honors English II Award, PFHS Student of the Month, and Honors English I Award; in addition, she was a Maryville College Mathematics participant and was named an All-American Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Williams's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a biology student at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Amanda's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tom and Corlis Williams, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Pigeon Forge High School Valedictorian, Amanda Williams, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.